

**Conway Planning Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 7 p.m.**  
**Location: Town Hall**

**Present for the Planning Board:** George Forcier, Chair; Members Bill Moebius, Cheryl Case and Jeff Lacy; Associate Member Joe Strzegowski.

**Also attending** for River Corridor discussion: Kimberly MacPhee, Franklin Regional Council of Governments land use planner, and for Nexamp issues, Gerry LeBlanc of Main Poland Road.

- 1) Minutes of May 21 meeting approved.
- 2) **RIVER CORRIDOR OVERLAY.** Discussions continued on draft River Corridor Protection Overlay Zone, with MacPhee noting she had brief discussion with town attorney about our questions and will get more detailed answers for a later meeting. She suggested we aim for a fall 2025 special town meeting to propose this erosion zone bylaw. This would give us time to refine the proposal and to have adequate educational outreach to voters. She also relayed the town attorney's observation that sometimes such bylaws are initially passed in a simplified form and then amended in future years as experience with it grows.
- 3) **ASSOCIATE MEMBER.** Board filled in on latest thinking about how to keep Joe as an associate member. Town attorney, Selectboard member Chris Waldo and Jeff Lacy have developed a more specific bylaw change than the one that failed at annual town meeting. The new proposal, targeted for the fall special town meeting, would narrowly define which non residents could be appointed to boards: former members of those boards who leave town but want to continue to serve.
- 4) Main Poland Road resident Gerry LeBlanc, who lives downhill from the Nexamp solar farm, says that runoff, especially during major rain

events like last July, is finding new ways across his land and that he feels it is causing “pernicious” erosion and damaging the eco-system. He attributes the runoff to a “failure” of Nexamp stormwater management. He and other neighbors who have concerns about the solar farm expressed a desire for the Planning Board to address their concerns with Nexamp. Although Forcier said he was not at all sure the board had any jurisdiction in the matter at this time, he noted that the Conservation Commission is having conversations with Nexamp engineers about the concern and that Nexamp plans to return with a plan to address the runoff issue.

LeBlanc noted that the neighborhood didn’t know about the ConsCom effort and that lack of notification was an example of poor communication and lack of transparency about this project.

Other neighbors, including Devlin Seaman of Main Poland Road, supported LeBlanc’s assertions and raised other concerns about the solar farm and the problems with its “dirty electricity” that has caused the facility to be shut down for two years as that problem is addressed. Forcier agreed to suggest the ConsCom keep the neighbors up-to-date on its stormwater activity and said he would check with the town’s attorney to see if the planners had any jurisdiction in this case. He agreed to get back to the neighbors afterward.

- 5) Board members discussed that we are one member short, and agreed to seek a new member that could be recommended for temporary appointment by the Selectboard.

**4. Public comment:** None

**Adjourned: 8:30**